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Docket No. : 080314.48609CP
Customer No. : 23911
Title : WAVE GUIDE PLATE AND PROCESS OF
MANUFACTURING SAME AS WELL AS MICROPLATE

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 28, 2004, applicants make the following provisional election.

Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution the Group II, set of claims 42-62 drawing to a process for making a grating structure.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of PTO form 1449 and PTO form 892 listing references considered in the parent application, serial no. 09/497,129, now U.S. Patent No. 6,510,263.

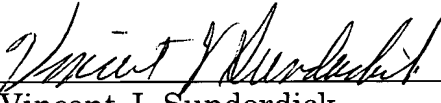
Therefore, applicants respectfully request a full and thorough examination on the merits of claims 42-62.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 080314.48609CP).

Respectfully submitted,

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